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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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In re application of: Snyder et al.

Filed: April 9, 2004

For: SUSTAINED RELEASE SURGICAL DEVICE AND METHOD OF MAKING AND USING

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COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS -- NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

I. This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (PTO-1533) mailed June 25, 2004.

A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted (Form PTO-1533) is enclosed.

DECLARATION OR OATH

II. No declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. ' 1.8(a) and 1.10*

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COMPLETION FEES

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 and/or late filing of original declaration or oath
 (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(e))

\$65.00

Total Completion Fees

\$65.00

EXTENSION OF TIME

IV. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE DUE

V. The total fee due is:

Completion fees \$65.00 Extension fee (if any) \$0.00

Total Fee Due \$65.00

PAYMENT OF FEES

VI. Attached is a check in the amount of \$65.00.

Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 50-1097.

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